

# Sean Williams

## *Biography*

State Representative Sean Williams, R- Oakville, was re-elected to a second term representing the 68<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in the 2004 election. A lifelong resident of Oakville, he was sworn into his second term on January 5, 2004.

Representative Williams distinguished himself in his first term as a supporter of fiscal restraint and responsibility. He serves on the General Assembly's Commerce, Energy and Technology, and Education Committees.

As a member of the Education Committee, Representative Williams' priorities include changing Connecticut's Education Cost Sharing program in order to make the program more equitable to our small towns. Additionally, as a member of the Commerce Committee, Representative Williams is committed to legislation that will help Connecticut retain and create new businesses and jobs and is a fierce opponent of legislation that hurts Connecticut's business climate. And as a member of the Energy and Technology Committee, Representative Williams has been dedicated in his efforts to look out for Connecticut ratepayers.

Additionally, Representative Williams continues to focus his energies on making Connecticut an easier place to do business and is a firm believer that the best way to develop a healthy economy is by creating and retaining high-quality private sector jobs.

Furthermore, Representative Williams is a proponent of easing the heavy burden that the state puts on municipalities across the state, which ultimately can cause property taxes to increase dramatically. He strongly believes that only way to truly reform Connecticut's property tax system is to give municipalities the tools to control their own spending, including an elimination of any new unfunded mandates and reform of binding arbitration at the municipal level. Quality of life issues are also important to Representative Williams, and his constituents can count on him to act on the issues that matter most, such as quality education, common sense state spending, and quality and compassionate care for the elderly and the disabled.

In his first term in the legislature, Representative Williams and Senator Louis DeLuca (R-Woodbury) announced funding for several projects in the 68<sup>th</sup> District including:

- \$100,000 to repair the Cherry Avenue bridge in Watertown.
- \$600,000 to purchase the 63 acre Rickevicius land, to be used for passive and active recreation pending taxpayer approval at referendum.
- Nearly \$70,000 for road construction, renovation and repair in Watertown.

Additionally, Representative Williams co-sponsored and supported several bills in the 2004 legislative session that were of particular importance to Connecticut's taxpayers. Among them were:

- PA 04-189, which maintained the separation of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Consumer protection, which preserved Connecticut's Agriculture efforts and substantially benefited the small farmers of Connecticut.
- PA 04-134, which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection to notify the chief elected official of a municipality when contamination has been discovered by a technical environmental professional within such municipality.
- PA 04-174, which allows Connecticut residents the flexibility and option of setting up personal "Health Savings Accounts." These accounts allow individuals to set up their own personal tax-exempt accounts to save for their medical expenses.
- PA 04-250, which allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to immediately suspend the driver's license of any individual arrested for drunk driving if they have a record of a DUI conviction or a fatal accident in the past 10 years.

Representative Williams is known to be easily accessible within his district and puts a heavy emphasis on constituent service. He is always willing to make himself available upon request to speak with his constituents regarding the issues that matter to them.